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Fatal Shooting at Cobb Theater

By Craig Graves
Contributing Writer

On Jan. 13, 2014, a man was fatally wounded and his wife injured during a shooting at the Cobb Movie Theater in Wesley Chapel.

According to the police reports, the male victim, identified as Chad Oulson, 43, was texting during the previews before a showing of the movie Lone Survivor. The alleged shooter, identified as 71 year-old retired police officer, Curtis Reeves, was involved in an argument with Oulson about the texting. According to CNN, a witness overheard Oulson tell Reeves he was texting his daughter.

Reportedly, Reeves left the theater in search of a manager and returned without one. The argument allegedly escalated from there with popcorn being thrown, followed by a gunshot. Oulson's wife, Nicole, was shot in the hand as she tried to shield him from the gun.

During the week of the shooting, Cobb Theater posted a message on their website saying it was doing everything possible to aid the police investigation. Reimbursements were offered to guests who preordered tickets for Tuesday, the day the theater was closed.

'This was an isolated altercation between two guests that escalated unexpectedly. The safety, security and comfort of our guests and team members are always our top priorities, and we are truly heartbroken by this incident," said Cobb Theaters in their official statement.

The theater reopened on the Wednesday after the incident. As listed on the theater's website, both cellphone use and weapons are not permitted in the theater. After the shooting, the theater has had a police presence and has been watching for cellphone usage.

"My brother was at the Cobb recently and was going to text before the previews started. An officer came and told him to put his phone away," said Freshman Alex Koufas.

The safety of public places and what should be done to protect them is called into question.

"I think there should be better security at theaters: like metal detectors, checking bags, and monitoring doors. This could be the start of a trend of shootings at movie theaters. There was one out in Colorado about two years ago," said Junior Paula Montoya.

"I don't think the movie theater wants to go overboard with safety. It could turn some people away. There really isn't much movie theaters can do besides metal detectors and there can't be a constant police guard there. This was just an isolated occurrence and unrelated to the shooting two years ago," said Junior Zach Brasseur.

It is unclear what can be done to make theaters safer.

"Metal detectors could be used, but other than that I don't know how else a theater can be safer. They say no weapons are allowed inside," said Freshman Chelsea Berry.

Oulson was pronounced dead at the hospital and his wife sustained no life-threatening injuries. Reeves was arrested and charged with second-degree homicide.

"People will still go to movie theaters. Like I said, this was just an isolated thing," said Brasseur.

Gun Rights Group Sues University of Florida

By Annie Hays
Entertainment Editor

On Jan. 10, gun rights group Florida Carry Inc filed a lawsuit against the UF to challenge the university's policy of not allowing firearms in vehicles on campus or in student housing.

In its official statement, Florida Carry Inc claims that UF is in violation of state laws. The group argues that if citizens are allowed to have weapons in their homes, then students should be allowed to have weapons in their dormitories and on-campus apartments because they are a type of home.

"No public college or university has any authority to prevent students and the public from having a functional firearm in places that are constitutionally protected or permitted under state law," said Florida Carry Inc.

In Dec. 2013, Florida Carry Inc won a lawsuit against the University of North Florida over the university's ban on firearms in vehicles. It was ruled that the state legislature alone has the ability to determine whether people may carry firearms in public places, and public universities must comply with the legislature.

It is unclear whether the Florida Carry Inc lawsuit would allow students to carry firearms on campus anywhere other than in their housing or vehicles.

Many at Saint Leo University believe it is a bad idea for students to be allowed to have firearms on campus.

"It's a danger for everyone living on campus. If something gets out of hand, next thing you know a student is dead on campus," said Freshman Marlene Camacho.

"College students are very unstable. If they get drunk, there could be a fight and someone could die," said Senior José Amateco.

Some students have even stronger views on firearm prohibition.

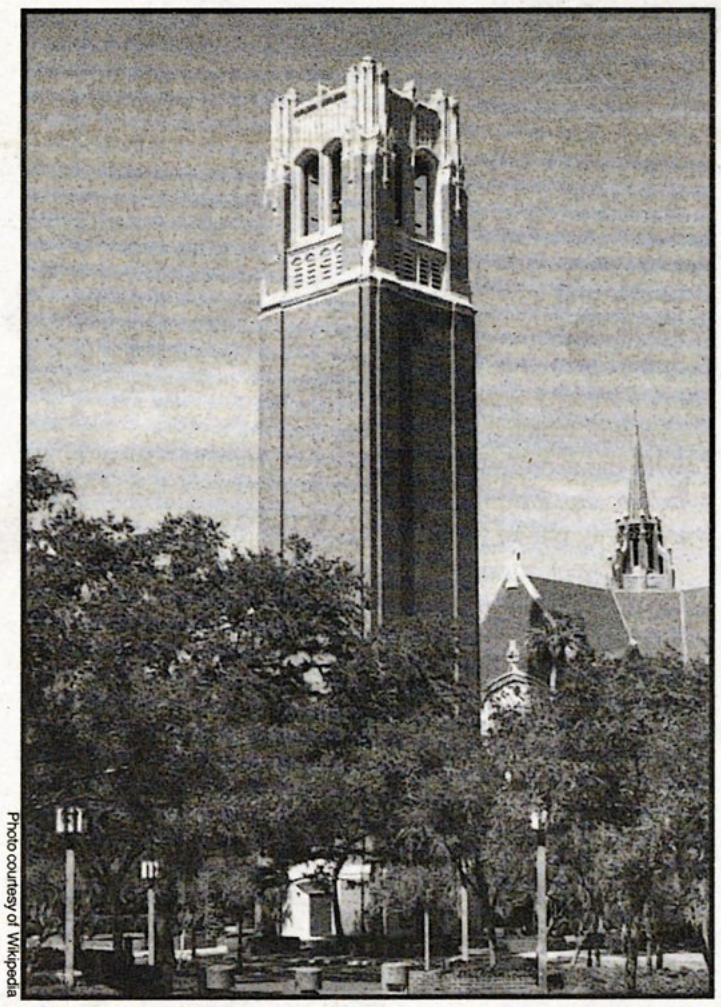
"I don't even think it's safe to have guns in homes or on the streets," said Junior Jacob Gonzalez.

"I'm against even the army having guns, so I don't think students should have guns either," said Junior Paula Montoya.

Some students take a more cautious approach to firearm prohibition and suggest that tests should be enacted to determine whether or not somebody is psychologically capable to own a weapon.

"As long as students follow the proper safety measures and are psychologically sound, they should be allowed to have guns. I don't think anything bad would happen as long as precautions are taken," said Junior Zach Brassur.

Because Saint Leo University is a private institution, the administration will have full control over firearms policies no matter what the state laws decide.



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The University of Florida is currently struggling with a lawsuit concerning students' Second Amendment rights.

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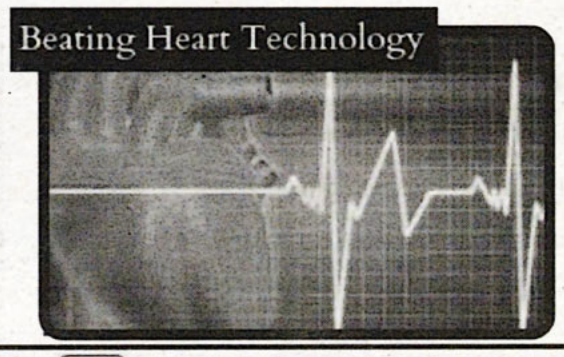

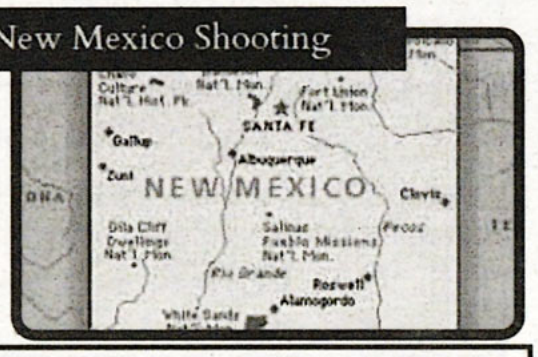

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Editorial

How to get Back in the Swing of Things

By Michael Walker
Contributing Writer

For many returning students, the transition from the Fall Semester to Spring Semester after Winter Break is possibly one of the hardest tasks mankind must face next to waking up early. Students come back from break from all different areas of the world; some hot, some frozen, some always gray. Everyone here at Saint Leo has their own way of getting started again after a month of hibernating. These are some simple tips to get restarted with life on campus.

The main struggle at the start of the semester is where to get college textbooks as soon as possible. For students, the goal is to find the cheapest textbooks possible. Luckily, there are many resources to help accomplish this troublesome task. One of the most reliable websites is Chegg.com followed by BookRenter.com. Amazon.com allows consumers to see what their engine finds to be the cheapest and you can buy from them although this is not always the cheapest and best alternative. It would be suggested to enter the book into CampusBooks.com or BigWord.com to quickly find the best price. Many of these online sites offer free shipping which is just another added incentive. However, certain classes require books that are made by the University so the only option is to go to the campus book store. Although the campus book store can have some hefty prices on their books, they can also have really great deals that cannot be found online.

Everyone is traveling back from break and germs will be in the air. Prepare early to keep from getting ill. Try to enjoy the sunny outdoors of Florida, when it is not pouring out. If not allergic, stock up on some vitamin C and eat those cafeteria vegetables to keep the immune system supported. Some physical exercise once a day can help students sleep better at night. Eat, sleep, study, and repeat.

Another key thing to remember is fixing that sleep schedule to be able to make it through the days' worth of classes that entail. Try hitting the hay a little earlier than usual and do not drink caffeine that day. Make sure that alarm is set to get to class. There are many ways to change a sleep schedule, look them up online or ask a friend and find the best one. Sleep is a necessity to function.

This is now the Spring Semester and what else is there to look forward to than breaks to hang in the hot sun? There are several breaks to look forward to after the long haul through February. March 3rd is marks halfway for the semester when Mid-Term grades are due. Two days later is Ash Wednesday. Finally, hailed as the break of all breaks is Spring Break itself. For the University, Spring Break is from Saturday, March 15th until Sunday, March 23rd so plan accordingly because classes resume the 24th. From that point there are several breaks in April with finals from the 24th until the 29th.

It is a new semester and a new year that is sure to be filled with new adventures and experiences. Take this semester as if it is a new one and relax, breathe, and get to learning.

I Promise To...

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

Eat, play, sleep! Finding resolutions to commit to can be conflicting and sometimes eventually heart-breaking, so commit to promises that you know you can achieve. Take a chance and try one of the following resolutions this Spring semester.

Play Video Games: Go to a play, watch a movie with the roommates or take a nap. Find time everyday where you can take a break to recuperate from a long day; especially when it comes to mid-term and finals week. Every person in the world needs a small period of the day where they can take a breath and enjoy the little moments of life. Then you can go back to work refreshed.

Bring food to Class: Sometimes the rush of things becomes overwhelming and students forget to eat a meal. This makes paying attention in class more difficult when your stomach is voicing its opinion every few minutes. Have an emergency snack prepared every week that you can grab on the go. It can be something simple like granola, a sandwich or some trail mix. This can save you money from the temptation of the vending machine on the first floor and time spent having to ask your neighbor about the material you missed when your stomach interrupted. It may feel a little rude to be eating around class time, but your body needs the fuel to operate correctly. Eat while walking to different classes, work, or meetings.

Buy that "Cute Little Black Dress" or that "Shirt with Your Home Team on it": It is very true that how you dress is going to reflect how your day will turn out. Wear something to classes that makes you feel proud and self-confident. Many students on campus live in Greek clothes because they know they have support from their brothers and/or sisters. Even more students unite unknowingly by supporting their favorite charity by wearing t-shirts that display "Make A Wish" or "TOMS." If you are worried about being unsuccessful, try wearing a suit that day. You will be able to foresee the future self you want to be and become more motivated to pursue that future. Everyday find something in your closet that makes you smile.

Go Out More Often: Meet new people and build connections that can become something lasting. Go to more than just clubs to find a love connection. And go to more than just career fairs to find a career connection. Connections are not quite lasting, what you need to develop is a relationship. So for those connections, go that extra mile to find meaningful relationships in areas that interest and drive you to become a better person. Go to conventions when invited and attend events that involve a career you are interested. Meet a potential co-worker, exchange e-mails, and do not forget to contact that person regularly. No one likes to be forgotten.

Gossip the Facts: This semester, try to form study groups and support your peers in their studies. Get together and chat about what you are learning in class. It makes a difference to discuss information and form opinions. You are more likely to remember facts when you have easy, educated conversations on it. This style of studying is in opposition to forming study groups where everyone gathers in a circle and skims over chapters in textbooks, hoping to grasp as much information as possible before an exam.

When it comes to this new school year, make plans and create goals that you know you can accomplish and commit to through to the end. Changing the perspective of the goal or plan can aid in success. Instead of saying "I'm going to lose weight," tell yourself "I want to be healthier so I will feel better, more awake, and will live longer." Making unrealistic goals will end up with future disappointment and hesitation when trying to form new goals and plans in the future. So start off successful.

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Campus News

Gender Networking: Enhancing Your Skills

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

Networking. It was a concept unknown to me till I entered my first job at my University campus with the Career Planning department during my freshmen year in college.

"Does it have something to do with the internet?" I asked with naïve curiously.

"Not exactly. It is much more than that!"

The director was right. In the years to come, I found networking to be a priceless resource to obtain internships, jobs, meet goals, and even achieve promotions! Although, I have always noticed that women and men pursue networking in a different manner, but the problem was not revealed to me until read CNN's article about how women network: the pros and cons.

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The article stated that where men often network in order to increase connections and make business deals, women priority when it comes to networking is to find support for their business goals and ideas. Looking for further reassure into this concept I found that many women go to women-only networking events and have a hazy understanding of the themes of the workshops except that they encouraged the women to use teamwork with other women in the business place.

Why is it that women are encouraged to work with other women? Is only teambuilding with women being sexiest? This brings us back to that idea of women network with other women for support. Women find that they do better work if they are working in a group that all have the same idea and determination for the goal. Their work is more effective and timely; however, women are harming themselves by not developing "men-like" business skills such as using quick elevator speeches and making small contacts for strictly business relations. In other words, men tend to focus more on how two businesses can mutually benefit each other and how, and they primarily focus on just that aspect of the relationship. It is harmful for women to not learn these types of skills because many of the employers and management is still a strong composite of men in the contemporary business world. In addition, in order for a company or department to truly succeed, employees need to be skilled at effective communication. And communication involves both men and women in every atmosphere of business there is. Men also have a problem with developing meaningful relationships while networking, which can hinder business for their networking partners, can easily find them replaceable. Women grow off of meaningful relationships and thus would be better suited perhaps with talking to networking parents in the long-term, whereas men are better to send to establish networking deals. This way a business can give a concrete first impression and then develop a lasting relationship with another company by utilizing the different skills women and men often naturally possess.

Overall, female or male, networking is a crucial skill for anyone, no matter your major or career, to engage in. There is nothing to lose and everything to be gain. Here are some tips to remember when it comes to networking:

1) If you are going to a networking event, always come early. There is less pressure and it gives you time to have a more casual mingle which can reak-in more smoothly into serious conversation about deals and future communication.

2) Never forget your basic manners and curiosities. Smile, always asked if you can sit with a group even if they have five empty seats, and maintain eye contact. Offer and you will receive the same curiosities back. It will make a difference how someone perceives you, because of what you say, how your posture is, and what your actions are.

3) When you first meet someone ask for their name, then repeat it in front of them to make sure you pronounce it correctly. And ask if they prefer to go by another name. This is a quick and easy way to make a lasting impression because you took an extra second to learn someone's name. A name is an important identity to any person and it means a lot to them that a person knows how they like to be referred to.

4) Approach others instead of waiting for them to come to you. And ask simple questions first to help break the ice, and make sure you do indeed listen to their answers. Every detail you remember about them and can refer back to later will increase your integrity.

5) Be ready to answer questions about a product or service you or your company offers with confidence and passion. People will only be interested in you and what you do, if your, yourself are knowledgeable and interested first. Yet, do not dominate a conversation. Remember, a conversation is an exchange, it is just as important to listen as it is to talk in meaning sentences.

6) Lastly, do follow-up how the two of you agreed to follow up. Whether it was via e-mail, phone call, or LinkedIn message, follow-up in a timely manner and then follow-up at least once a month after that if no future plans have been created. If you two did not establish a method to follow-up, send a card through the mail. It makes a statement.

From the Benedictine Sisters

Sister Pauline Block Passes

Sister Pauline Block, O.S.B., age 98, slipped peacefully into her eternal rest on Thursday, November 14, 2013. Sister was born to Paul and Hattie Block and was raised in Olfen, Texas with her six brothers and sisters. She entered the Benedictine Sisters of Florida January 27, 1930 and made her perpetual monastic profession June 11, 1936.

Gifted with the ability to reach small children, Sister Pauline finished high school at Holy Name Academy and then attended Sacred Heart College in Cullman, Alabama and Saint Leo University. Her focus during her 58 year teaching career (1934 to 1992) was in elementary education, specializing in reading at the primary level. Sister was committed to ensuring that every child she taught could read. Sister provided little ones with a firm grounding in the basics at parochial schools in New Orleans and Slidell, Louisiana, Ocala, San Antonio, Sarasota and Miami Florida. She also served as Assistant Director of St. Benedict Prep School for boys. Former students who have become successful lawyers, doctors and school principals say they never forgot their grade school teacher…"She was tough!" Sister also prepared children for their First Communion and taught catechism at the Diocesan Summer Camp Good Council.

After her years in education, Sister did elderly companion sitting. She served the Community in various capacities – lunch and dinner cook, supervisor of housekeeping and overall wisdom figure to all the new Sisters entering. Sister Pauline always enjoyed sewing and crocheting items to be sold in the gift shop. Her room was always filled with sewing and needle work supplies.

Sister Pauline's devotion to children continued right up to a week before her death. She enthusiastically embraced the Girls around the World project this past year, making adorable dresses out of pillow cases for Haitian and African girls living in orphanages.

In November 2012 Sister was honored for her 80th Anniversary of monastic life by the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Bishop Lynch pointed out the fact that the Church has special names for the celebration years of Jubilarians, but they could not find a name to designate the 80th Anniversary of service by a religious!

Sister Pauline's contributions throughout her 98 years, especially in her dedication to prayer and communal life represented a very special presence. Strong, upbeat and always a ready smile, she will be greatly missed by her loving family, by each of us in the Community and by all those who knew her.

Celebrant Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B.

The Vigil service for Sister Pauline was held on Sunday, November 17 in the monastery chapel and the funeral Mass on Monday, November 18 with

Memorials may be made in Sister Pauline's honor for the New Holy Name Monastery Building Fund, P.O. Box 2450, St. Leo, Florida 33574-2450. For more information, call (352) 588-8320 or email: hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.

125th Gala Celebration

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida, St. Leo, Florida are celebrating their 125th Year of serving God and the community. In honor of the Sisters, members of the Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club are planning a Gala Celebration on Friday evening, February 28, 2014 – open to the public. The Recall the Past, Celebrate the Present and Embrace the Future event is $50 per person and includes dinner (plus 2 drink tickets), dancing, silent auction and raffles. Sponsorships are available.

"This is a historic and very exciting year for the Benedictine Sisters!" said Sister Roberta Bailey, O.S.B., the prioress of Holy Name Monastery. "We celebrate on February 28th, our 125 year of serving God and the Pasco County Community and we will move into our New Holy Name Monastery in the fall."

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida were founded in 1889. While they enjoy a stellar reputation as educators, today the Sisters also continue to provide liturgical and contemplative prayer along with ministerial activities. To live out their mission, the Sisters support a local shelter for abused women and children, provide food and clothing for the poor and homeless, help needy children with school supplies, provide scholarship assistance to Saint Leo University students, assist Benedictines in Third World countries carry out their mission with the poor and house Sisters from Africa attending Saint Leo University.

For information and event reservations, contact Faith Pridmore, Director of Mission Advancement at (352) 588-8320 or email: hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu. Visit us on Facebook: Benedictine Sisters of Florida and/or our web-site at www.benedictinesistersoffl.org.

Sisters Receive $100,000 Challenge Gift

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida, St. Leo, Florida have received a Challenge Gift of $100,000 from an anonymous donor. The gift is to help with the Sister's campaign, Recall the Past, Celebrate the Present and Embrace the Future. The purpose of the campaign is to raise an additional $500,000 to ensure the completion of the New Holy Name Monastery.

If you would like to learn more about the new monastery under construction in our area, you can attend the upcoming Dade City Chamber Breakfast on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The Sisters are the guest speakers and will discuss the monastery project and their February 125th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

The Chamber Breakfast on January 21st is at the Dade City Business Center, 1500 Citrus Country Drive (off 301), 2nd Floor Hornbuckle Room. Breakfast is at 7:30 am (Networking at 7:00 am) and the program is 8:00 am to 8:30 am.

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Join us and hear all about the new monastery which is under construction in our area. The monastery will be a place for people to attend Mass; retreat from our hectic world; obtain spiritual guidance; or just walk the grounds. You can also get involved in helping the Sisters with their various ministries!

RSVP to Jo at the Chamber by calling (352) 567-3769. Members and Non-members welcome!

World News

Air Pollution in China Harms Citizens, Makes Security Cameras Useless

By Shawnee Arnett
Staff Writer

Along with being the world's most populous nation (roughly 19% of the world's population, to be precise), China is also home to one of the world's fastest growing economies. According to The World Bank, China's switch from a centrally planned economy to a market based economy has allowed the country to develop economic growth quickly and further strengthen bonds with international economies. Though many of China's 1.3 billion residents live below the poverty line, a large number of citizens have moved upward into the middle class. Though this economic growth has led to a better quality of life for some, it has steadily increased the demand for luxuries such as cars and enough energy to power the buildings and factories in developing cities. Furthermore, according to The World Wide Fund for Nature, 75% of China's energy production is still dependent on coal. The combination of China's rapid economic growth, expanding demand for more luxuries that give off pollution, outdated energy sources and the increasing population of 1.3 billion people, has left China's environment to suffer.

The air pollution in China has gotten steadily worse over the last few decades and it has reached the stage where visibility is nearly impossible on some days. In larger cities such as Beijing and Harbin, smog is often an unavoidable part of life, albeit an unpleasant and dangerous one. According to CNN, smog conditions in Harbin late in the month of October were so severe that schools and airports were shut down for the day. Visibility was at a mere 20 meters (or 65 feet) and it was generally difficult to see another person who was but a few steps away. Drivers who took the risk of getting into their cars had to flash their hazard lights and drive slowly so as not to risk hitting anyone or anything. Though this would appear to be a horrific fluke incident for those unaccustomed to the smog of Chinese cities, this is a part of everyday life that civilians have had to grow accustomed to. Citizens must walk the streets wearing masks in hopes that they will cut down on the internal organs' exposure to the harmful pollutants in the air. The elderly, children, and people with health issues such as lung disease or cardiovascular issues are generally recommended to stay indoors at all costs, while even healthy citizens are warned to limit exposure to the outside air.

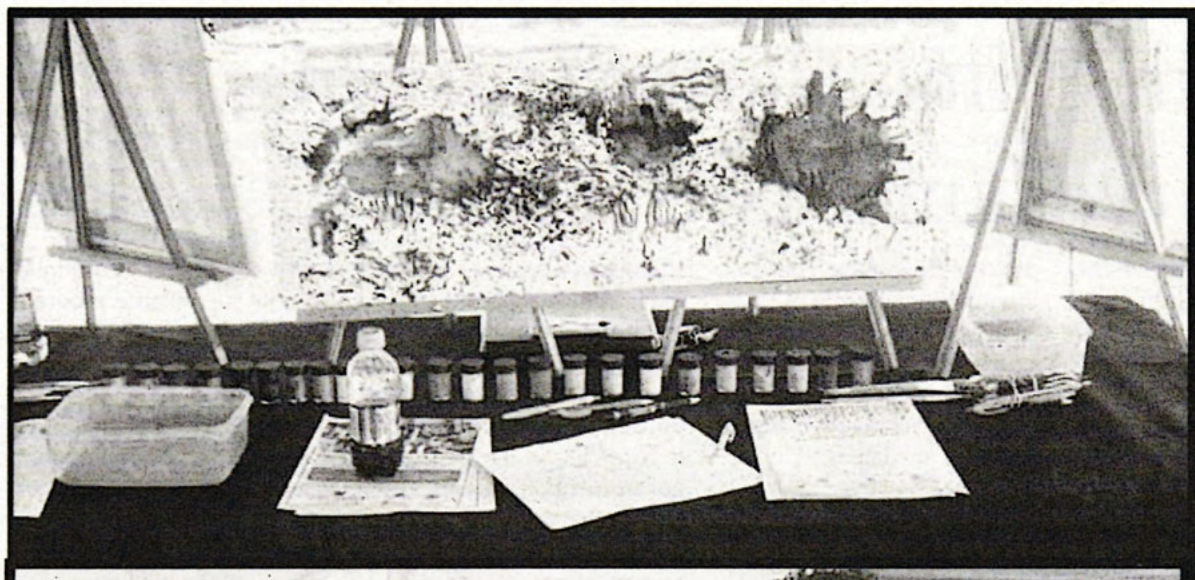
According to the Environmental Protection Agency, smog consists of various pollutants let off by man-made creations such as cars, factories, power plants, refineries, industrial boilers, chemical plants, or any other source of the same kind. These pollutants react with the sunlight and create a layer of ozone on the surface layer of the earth. Though ozone is beneficial to the planet in protecting it from the sun's UV rays from a safe distance (the EPA says a safe distance would be between 10 and 30 miles above the earth's surface), it can be extremely dangerous when it is too close to the earth's surface, as seen when it is found in smog. Too much exposure to surface level ozone can have terrible effects on even the healthiest of people if exposed for an extended period of time.

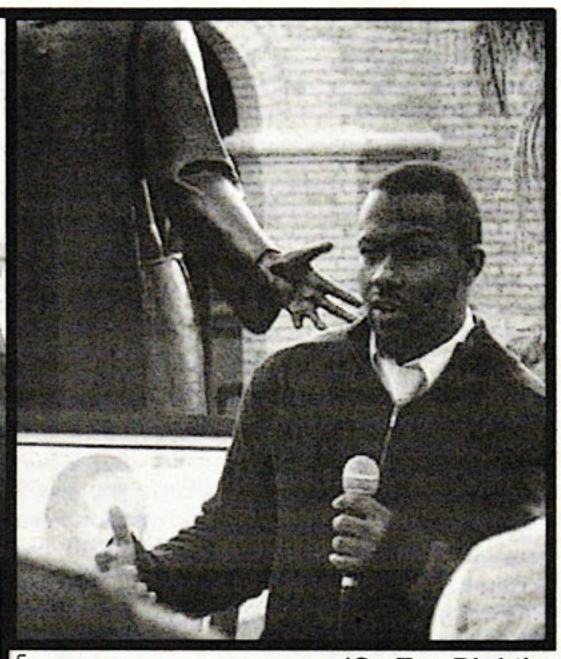
Along with being a burden and an inconvenience to Chinese citizens on an everyday basis, the smog is also a dangerous health risk for even the healthiest of citizens. While eye and throat irritation are a common side effect of breathing in even the smallest amount of smog, prolonged exposure to it can have terrible repercussions. Occurrences of lung cancer in China are on the rise and most recently, an unnamed 8 year old girl became the youngest person in China to be diagnosed with lung cancer due to an unhealthy amount of exposure to the thick blanket of toxins in the air. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, along with the heightened risk of lung cancer, people with previously established lung complications such as asthma, emphysema, or bronchitis, are also at risk, as the toxins in the smog exacerbate these conditions. The high levels of ozone found in the smog also damage the lining of the lungs with prolonged exposure. The Environmental Protection Agency likens the lung's exposure to unsafe amounts of smog to a sunburn on the lungs. When old cells inside the lungs are damaged to the point past repair by the smog, they shed off, and are replaced by new cells. If the lungs are put under this level of damage and forced to regenerate new cells at this rapid pace on a regular basis, the lungs may be negatively changed permanently, and the person's quality of life will decrease as a result. Furthermore, children who play outdoors and people who engage in heavy outdoor activities such as construction work or any sort of sport are at a heightened risk. Because the people of these groups are forced to breathe more rapidly and take in deeper breaths during their heavier bouts of activity, they take in the poisonous toxins found in smog much more quickly than the average person. As Chinese citizens of larger cities such as Beijing and Harbin have no choice but to be exposed to this smog on an everyday basis, they are forced to run the risk of developing these health conditions.

Along with causing so many dangerous health risks for Chinese citizens, the smog in China also makes it difficult for surveillance on even the most basic level. As China has tensions with several nearby countries including Japan and North Korea in a post 9/11 age where war and terrorism are both all too common occurrences, the Chinese government finds it necessary to maintain surveillance over the common civilian areas. That, along with a rigid citizen surveillance program and a low tolerance for crime, contributes to the government's placement of over 20 million surveillance cameras around the habitable areas of the country. Though these cameras were ideally intended to catch, stop, and prevent any sort of crimes or terrorist acts in the area, government officials are finding that the smog makes it impossible for the cameras to capture any civilian activity. This is particularly dangerous in high density areas such as Beijing, where the peace cannot be kept with such a low visibility, and it is extremely difficult to prevent any possible terrorist attack when even the best camera cannot see more than a few meters away on a day with average levels of smog. According to The Independent, government officials are considering more drastic measures, such as using military radar in order to police these areas until they can find a better solution to this problem. Prolonged use of this radar, however, would be extremely dangerous to civilians, as it gives off radiation that would be unhealthy in large doses.

When the Chinese government was not yet ready to admit that the thick, hazy blanket covering most of its cities was smog, the state controlled news outlets often referred to the smog as "heavy fog" when giving daily weather reports. However, now that so many health issues have been diagnosed as a result of the high levels of smog, and since the government finds it nearly impossible to continue with its surveillance program under such extreme conditions, plans are being put into place in order to fix the problem. The Chinese government is beginning to cease the operation of a large number of China's coal plants, which give off a large amount of the pollution that contributes to the dangerous smog. The coal plants that are currently in construction are being moved further away from the cities in an attempt to keep the highly trafficked areas from developing more air pollution. Furthermore, as the government is now willing to admit to the existence of the smog, officials have begun to "name and shame" the Chinese cities with the worst levels of air pollution and the lowest quality of life. A system has also been put into place in order to accurately monitor air quality in these areas more carefully, and legislation has been established that will restrict the number of car sales allowed in the country in any given year. Though much more drastic effort will need to be put into place in order to correct China's dangerous smog problem, a small step is being taken to correct it.

Community Service Day





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The gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha hosted an event that allowed students to pay homage to the great Martin Luther King Jr. near the university's newest statue "A Spirit of Belonging" between apartments 5 and 6.

(On Top Left):
Prodigy is a community based organization aimed towards pushing youths in a more purposeful and creative direction. At the Fair for the children they showcased a few of their talents through face painting, and canvas boards

(On Center Left):
Staff members from the local home depot helped children build confidence in their creativity skills through woodshop and toolkit making.

(On Far Right)
The ladies of Theta Phi Alpha displayed to the youth what they have to look forward to in the coming years with their outstanding community building skills.

(On Bottom)
The University hosted a Fair for The Children in the Student Community Center (SCC) bowl in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. It was complete with activities such as bounce-abouts, arts and crafts, candy-apple dipping, egg races, and corn hole.

Arts & Entertainment

Lone Survivor Review

By Annie Hays
Arts & Entertainment

While a bit more cut and dry than "Saving Private Ryan," director Peter Berg's "Lone Survivor" is a respectful and powerful portrayal of the story it was based off of.

The movie is based off of the book by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson, which is Lutterll's non-fiction account of Operation Red Wings.

The movie takes place over the three days of Operation Red Wings. Luttrell (Mark Walberg) and his fellow Navy SEALs Michael Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), Danny Dietz (Emile Hirsch), and "Axe" Axelson (Ben Foster) are sent to find and/or kill a high ranking Taliban leader named Ahmad Shah (Yousuf Azami).

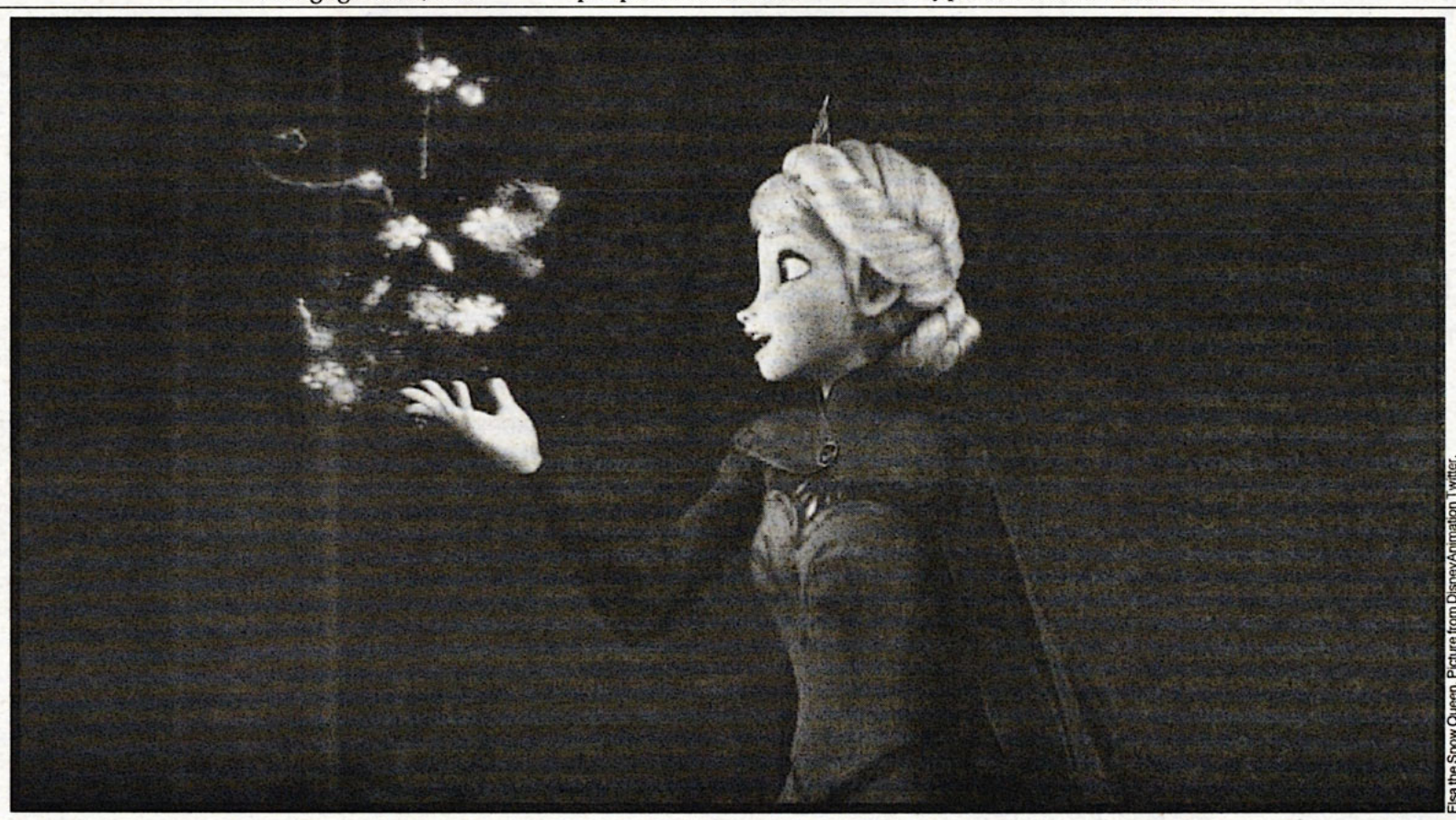
Everything was going according to plan until a group of goat herders discovered the SEALs hiding near the Taliban controlled village. As per the rules of engagement, the SEALs let the men go even though it was obvious they were affiliated with the Taliban. Promptly the goat herders warned the Taliban and the SEALs were forced to fight a losing battle as the Taliban forced them down a rocky hill.

Only Luttrell survived the fight, as shown in the opening scene, but the way he was eventually rescued is an absolutely a remarkable tale. If this had been fictional, people would have written the movie off as an outlandish portrayal of the war.

The movie was done very respectfully, and though it was very gory, the blood and guts were realistic. The special effects in the movie were limited to mostly gunshots. The gun fights were very intense as the Taliban used everything in their arsenal from AK-47's to RPG's to kill the SEALs. None of the SEALs deaths were overdramatized, like in a typical thriller movie, and after hearing their descriptions of life at home earlier in the movie it's hard not to cry.

I must commend Luttrell in his book and Berg in his directing for their portrayal of the Afghanis.

In case any viewers forget that the movie is based on a true story, at the end of the movie there are photos and videos of the actual men who died in Operation Red Wings. There wasn't a dry eye in the theater.



Elsa the Snow Queen. Picture from DisneyAnimation Twitter.

Cold Temperatures and Frozen-filled Theaters

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

During these cold days and nights in the Sunshine state, maybe going and seeing a movie in a theater with heat sounds like a great idea. The film Frozen is not going to warm your thoughts though, but it will warm your attitude.

The story loosely reflects the story The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen which was first published in 1845. It is a story of a mysterious, isolated snow queen, and two siblings, Kai and Gerda, who struggle against odds with the Snow Queen. The Disney film is un-stereotypical to the usual Disney princess stories in terms of style. There are multiple contemporary puns and jokes throughout the film that are combined with more modern ideas of love, marriage, and American normalcies. There are no arranged marriages, the men and women are more relatable to an American audience, and the not all princely figures turn out to be heroes in the realm of Arendelle. There are also some dark concepts in the story. Queen Elsa and her little sister Anna are seen in the film playing with snow that was conjured up by Elsa herself, who possesses mysterious abilities to create, mold, and even bring things to life using snow and ice launched form her hands and feet. Early on, Elsa and her family become fearful of her abilities and look for ways to conceal those abilities by having her wear gloves, erasing memories of certain people, and even going so far as to immerse Elsa in isolation. The line "conceal it, don't feel it," is driven into Elsa's mind, and she truly believes that if she can hide her ability, then everything is alright. Elsa eventually becomes happy only through isolation and the security it gives her. Anna is the opposite of her sister, and strives for human attention and social gatherings to give her security. Anna strives to take Elsa out of her isolation both physically and mentally; making this film more about sisters than about the harmful effects and misinterpretations that isolation creates. Elsa and Anna complement each other and are very strong female main characters of the story.

Something else astounding about the film Frozen is the music. Elsa is voiced by Idina Menzel, who has starred in Broadway musicals such as Rent and Wicked, which makes for a very strong female voice that is complimented by the equally sweet voice of Kristen Bell. These two women sing a majority of the songs in the film. These songs are powerful and full of meaning, and are often the turning points of the story. Without the singing, the music is equally emotional; a song that is often softly played throughout the film is Do You Want to Build a Snowman? One of the most astounding parts of the entire film is when the film goes completely silent. No character speaks and no music is played. Everything is literally frozen for a time in Arendelle; which made the scene emphasis more of the action that has just taken place more than any music could have.

The film has fantastic directing done by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee with many angles that reflect the characters attitudes and desires. Overall a warming story to help anyone fight against the current chilly weather outside.

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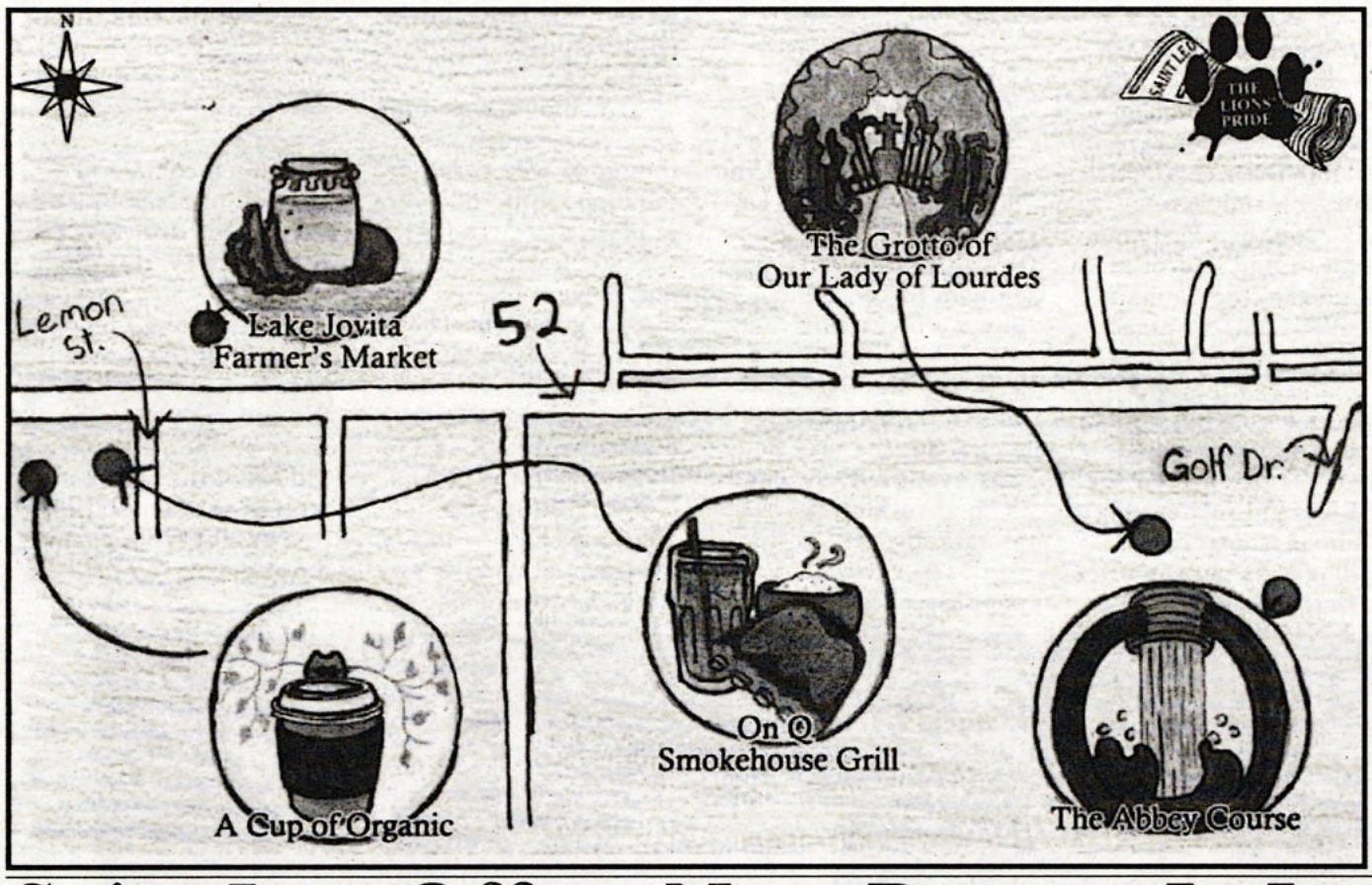

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Fellow students, this is an official announcement from the Lions' Pride Newspaper. Every week or two our staff will be selecting certain cities in Florida that seem to be getting popular from your frequency. These selected cities have local eateries and hangouts that are quickly becoming student hotspots, and these hotspots will now be available for your viewing on the University's website along with their highlighted descriptions. So if you're looking for a place to purchase goods, to hang out, or to eat, visit our homepage.

This week's city of choice is St. Leo.

Saint Leo Offers New Degree In Logistics

By Dexomia Livia
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Starting the summer of 2014, Saint Leo University will be offering the students to study a new online business administration degree program with a specialization in logistics. Students will be able to enforce a new specialization for a lucrative future in business.

"Logistics is very important. To the business point of view, it has the supply changes which is how do we get the resources that we need get the product and services done," said Reagan Bryan, Ph.D. Professor of Computer Information System.

"It also has to do with getting the product out, how you actually get the products from where the goods are made to where they are sold," said Professor Reagan Bryan.

Logistics is a vital component for industries; it meets success in both civilian and military sectors. This online course is great for either one because the student can study at his/her own pace. It also meets the University's core values such as Personal Development because logistics helps the students to become prepared professionals.

"With the online classes for logistics students can learn about transportation, storage and warehousing, distribution and how to manage inventory," said Professor Reagan Bryan.

In addition, according to Professor Reagan, logisticians analyze and coordinate an organization's supply chain, managing the life cycle of a product. This program is great for students because it enhances the knowledge in the students and promotes a better understanding of how to integrate the production of multiple global locations to increase economies of scale and scope. This will benefit the student's understanding of an industry's value from a global perspective.

Furthermore, according to "U.S. News," having a logistics career is very profitable and highly competitive in this cost-competitive economy. This career is a skilled workforce and well-paying. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook, logistics has increased in the global economy and by the year 2020, the employment of logicians is expected to grow by 26 percent – faster than the average for all occupations. In 2011, the median earnings were $71,910, the lowest-paid were 10 percent earning less than $44,830, and the highest-paid 10 percent earning more than $110,720. Also, the top profitable places to live in with this career would be the metropolitan areas of Bellingham, Washington , San Jose, California, and Santa Rosa, California.

Specialization Classes for this Course include:

COM 203-Computer Systems

MGT 309-Itroduction to Logistics Management

MGT 312-Introduction to Project Management

MGT 342-Transportation and Distribution Management

MGT 377-Procurement, Purchasing, and Vendor Management

MGT 410-Quality Improvement and Management

MGT 417-Inventory Control and Materials Management

MGT 492-Logistical Specialization Portfolio

Two upper-level (300- or 400-level) business courses.

Nonetheless, all types of firms, either small or big, need logistics managers to help with inventory and accounts receivable (accounting term for the money that a customer owes to a company). Most logicians start working their career in entry-level positions and work their way to the top with more responsibilities and higher salaries. Some of the careers for logistics majors are Manufacturing, Retail, Analyst, Consultant, International Logistics Manager, Logistics Engineer, Logistics Manager, Logistics Services Salesperson, Production Manager, Purchasing Manager, Supply Chain Manager, Transportation Manager, Vendor Managed Inventory Coordinator, and Warehouse Operations Manager.

This online program is offered to the students in response to the needs and desires throughout the University's system, military and otherwise. The Logistics Program is consistent with the University's Benedictine-inspired values such as excellence and personal development. This program has been designed to assist the students to become well-prepared professionals in this profitable career.

"It is fantastic opportunity for a number of people. It will also allow military people to study at their own pace," says Professor Reagan Bryan.

Lastly, the online degree in business administration program is accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), a professional accreditor for business programs in student-centered colleges and universities throughout the world. This online degree will begin this semester, Spring-2014.

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